

**TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
June 24,2008**

**Meeting Place:** Grand Rapids Municipal Building, 2410 48<sup>th</sup> Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

**Present:**, Supervisors Arne Nystrom, Jeanne Fehrman, Edward Hellner and Bill Clendenning, Building Inspector Lorelei Fuehrer, Treasurer Kristine Ginter, Clerk Judy McLellan.

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Chairman Don Bohn

NOTE: ( \* ) indicates agenda item of when Board member joined the meeting.

*Notices of the meeting were legally posted at The Store in Kellner, the Grand Rapids Garage and the Grand Rapids Municipal Building, and published in the Daily Tribune.*

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Arne Nystrom.

1. **Approve minutes of June 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2008 Town Board Meeting.** Motion (Hellner/Fehrman) to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.
2. **Appeal of Wendy Savage on denial of Operator's License.** Ms. Savage and Mike Krueger (partner in Jammer's Bar and Grill) were present to speak to the board on Ms. Savage's behalf. Discussion took place as to Ms. Savage's background check and a violation that she was convicted of in Jan 2008. Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) to deny the appeal of Ms Savage and to have the denial of the Operator's License stand. Vote 3-1 with Supervisor Clendenning voting no. Motion carried.
3. **Approval/Denial of letter to Department of Workforce Development in regards to closing of the local job service center in Wisconsin Rapids.** Motion (Clendenning/Fehrman) to approve the sending of the letter on behalf of the Town of Grand Rapids Board. Motion carried
4. **Approval/Denial of Clerk and Administrative Assistant attending 2 day seminar on Excel in Wausau Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.** Motion (Clendenning/Hellner) to approve the clerk and administrative assistant attending 2 day seminar on Excel in Wausau Aug 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.
5. **Discussion of repairs to Municipal Building roof.** Supervisor Hellner stated that the quote from Altmann Construction was amended and the cost was increased from the original quote for the concrete work needed to repair the Municipal Building roof. The building committee felt that additional quotes should be solicited. Vice-Chairman Nystrom stated that we recently learned that any project that exceed \$25,000 needs to be put out for sealed bids. Motion (Hellner) move to rescind the motion made June 10, 2008 to award the contracts to Altmann Construction and Nick Michels & Sons Inc. Second (Fehrman) concurred. Motion carried. Due to the fact that a contract was signed with Nick Michels & Sons Inc. and it is over \$25,000 which requires sealed bids. The Public Buildings Committee will look into the situation further and report back to the board at a latter date.
6. **Discussion of alleyway in Edgewood Acres Subdivision.** It was brought to the board's attention that an alleyway that was marked on a 1952 plat map for the subdivision seems to have been staked wrongly. Over the years owners of the property have planted trees and hedges on what they thought was the correct lot lines. It was stated that the plat map is the legal boundaries. Owners of the adjacent lots have asked if the town may consider selling the alleyway land to them or having the map redone to mover the alleyway to where it is staked. Discussion followed as to what the town may be able to do to correct the situation. A further complication exists as that one of the lot owners has build a garage on their property using the correct lot lines based on the plat map. If the alleyway land was moved the garage would no longer be on the property. Motion (Fehrman/Clendenning) move to table discussion to a latter date. Motion carried.
7. **Discussion of Brookhaven road repair work.** Vice- Chairman Nystrom stated that as he said before we will need to either bid out the excavating of the road repair work in the Brookhaven Subdivision or limit the amount of work done this year to less than \$25,000. Motion (Clendenning/Hellner) to approve the hiring of Bohn Trucking and Excavating to do the excavating of the Brookhaven road repair work.

Work is to be held to under \$25,000 cost. Motion carried. Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) move to direct the Clerk to publish notice of bid for the slag sealing needed for the repair of the town's roads. Motion carried

8. **Approval/Denial of resolution #2008-22 to adopt Ordinance # 56- Creating and establishing the Police and Fire Commission.** Motion (Nystrom) to withdraw motion made May 27<sup>th</sup>—Per Wis. Stats 60.56 (1) (am) to establish a five member committee to act under Wis. Stat. 62.13 (5) as a board of Police and Fire Commissioners. Motion (Nystrom) to withdraw motion made May 27<sup>th</sup> – Per Wis. Stat. 60.56 (1) (am) to pay the members of said committee paid per diems per town policy. Second (Fehrman) concurred. Motion carried. Motion (Nystrom) to withdraw motion made May 27<sup>th</sup> – to appoint to the Police and Fire Committee the following five members. Kirk Willard, Steve nor, Bob Warren, Luke Weiland, Don Ewald. Second (Fehrman) concurred. Motion carried. Motion (Nystrom) tow withdraw motion made May 27<sup>th</sup> – to approve the terms of each committee member, Don Ewald, 5 years, Kirk Willard, 4 years, Luke Weiland 3 years, Bob Warren 2 years, and Steve Knorr 1 year. . Second (Hellner) concurred. Motion carried. Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) move to pass resolution # 2008-22 adopting Ordinance # 56-An Ordinance Creating and Establishing the Police and Fire Commission. Motion carried.
9. **Appointment of Police & Fire Commission** Vice-Chairman Nystrom stated that Chairman Bohn wished to recommend the following five citizens for the Police and Fire Commission, Luke Weiland, Kirk Willard, Steve Knorr, Don Ewald and Bob Warren. Motion (Nystrom/Fehrman) to approve the recommendations for the Police and Fire Commission as stated. Motion carried. Motion (Hellner/Fehrman) Per Wis. Stat. 60.56 (1) (am) move to pay the members of said commission paid per diems per town policy. Motion carried. The terms for the members of the Police & Fire Commission were determined by random drawing of the names beginning with the 5 year term, Luke Weiland, 4 year term, Bob Warren, 3 year term, Kirk Willard, 2 year term Steve Knorr, and 1 year term, Don Ewald. Motion (Fehrman/Hellner) move to approve the terms of the Commission members as drawn. Motion carried.
10. **Approval/Denial of Operators License Applications.** Motion (Hellner/Fehrman) move to approve the applications for Operators License as presented. Motion carried.
11. **Other public input.** Supervisor Nystrom stated that the road crack filling for the year has been completed. Supervisor Hellner said that the crew broke a ram on the mower. A new one was ordered and in the mean time the crew was able to weld the broken one to get us by until the new one arrives. Supervisor Hellner also stated that the Public Building committee will be looking at the concrete aprons at the Municipal Building and the Fire Department. Supervisor Fehrman stated that the Planning Commission will be having the DOT at their July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the current plans for the Hwy 54 expansion. She also stated the she received notice that the grant application to the Community Foundation for funds to help pay for the Shared Services Feasibility Study will be reviewed June 30, 2008. Supervisor Nystrom stated that the next joint meeting of the Town of Grand Rapids and Village of Biron will be June 30, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. when Ruekert Mielke will present the findings of Phase I.

Motion (Hellner/Fehrman) to adjourn. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes subject to board approval.

Respectfully submitted and approved  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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Judy McLellan  
Town Clerk